

# 'hinks It Will Die Early Death

Page Discusses Recent Baseball Legislation

## The Salary Limit

ites of National Proposal—The Action of the Minors in Breaking Away on Draft Rule Criticized

(By Joe Page.)

he joint meeting of the American and National Baseball Leagues held at the Hotel New York, recently concluded with the passage of a resolution which will, it is believed, result in the early death of the minor league piece of legislation before the present month is out.

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With Alexander, Killifer and one other eating into the proposed limit to the extent of about \$80,000, it would leave the balance for their eighteen comrades of less than \$2,000 each for the season's play.

Should this law have applied in the American League, it would have been shown up far worse with the limit cut \$11,000 a month and Cobb, drawing \$4,000 a month from Detroit, I wonder if the other twenty players, who of the whole be satisfied with the remaining \$7,000, or \$350 each for a month's salary?

To a great extent this same applies to other teams that have high priced stars such as Tris Speaker, Ralph Johnson and others of lesser light. It is better than an even bet that the National League will be forced to side-line this Bolshevik baseball piece of legislation before the present month is out.

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## SPORT NEWS OF THE DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

### BILLIARDS.

Hoppe May Play Sittin.

Willie Hoppe, half-line billiard champion, will probably soon be seen in a match at the National Recreation Academy in Brooklyn against the veteran George Suttin. Officials of the Brooklyn Academy are negotiating for the match now. It is planned to have Hoppe and Suttin compete early next month.

The National Recreation Academy will be the scene this week of a three nights' match between Jack Schaefer and Welker Cochrane of Chicago, two of Hoppe's rivals for the half-line title. This match will end Friday night. It will be for 1,800 points in blocks of 800 after dark and evening.

### THE TURF.

King's Horse to Race Again.

London, Jan. 28.—It is more than probable that, when the English flat-racing season opens, King George will run his horses in the familiar scarlet and purple after the fashion of the past. Hitherto they have run under the name and colors of Lord Marcus Beresford.

Tommy Cotter, owned by H. L. Dryden of this city, defeated Baron A. owned by Ambrose Ryan, on Moospath yesterday afternoon, three out of five heats. The first was won by Baron A.; time 1:15, but the next three went to Tommy Cotter, 1:16.

### BOWLING.

Panthers Win Match.

The Panthers took four points from the Pilots in the City Bowling League on Black's alley last evening. The winners' total pinfall was 1466 and the losers' 1435.

### Commercial League.

In the Commercial League the Western Union team defeated Ames-Holmes-McCreedy's team, taking all four points. The winners' total pinfall was 1182 and the losers' 1158.

### HOCKEY.

Ottawa Defeats Toronto.

Ottawa sprang a surprise last night by defeating Toronto Arenas in Toronto to last night by a score of two to one. It required sixteen minutes overtime to decide the winner.

### AMERICAN CURLERS

COMING TO CANADA

Will Compete With Canadian Branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club in Montreal

Although scarcity of frozen ponds has forced a curtailment in curling, the enthusiasts of this ancient Scotch game are looking forward with interest to the day when an American team will journey to Canada for the purpose of defending the Gordon Medal. The international match is scheduled to be held Feb. 14, under the auspices of the Canadian branch of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club. Canadian curlers are making preparations for the Gordon Medal competition, which will follow closely on the completion of the Royal Victoria Jubilee Trophy and the Governor-General's prize events.

If the American defenders are successful in the coming match, it will mark their sixth success since the international competition was started at Montreal in 1888. Previous to this, or as far back as 1865, matches were played between American and Canadian teams, but the inaugural of the Gordon Medal matches witnessed the installation of a recognized set of rules for international play and an emblem of superiority. The rules, incidentally, have been changed from time to time, to meet existing conditions, but in purpose they still remain the same as when they were first promulgated to govern this annual fixture.

The medal has been won by Canadian teams on fifteen occasions, while two

matches, those scheduled for 1897 and 1902, had to be abandoned. Between 1889 and 1894 no matches were played, but in 1895 the competition was resumed and continued annually, with but two exceptions, up to 1915, when the war caused an abandonment.

The medal was last won by the American team, composed of Utica players, in a match at Utica in 1915. The score was 180 to 148. Previous American victories were registered in 1911 by the Thistle Club of New York, skipped by the veteran Tom Watt, at Boston; in 1909 by Utica players in Utica; in 1906, by Utica players in Montreal, and in 1900, by the New York Club, skipped by T. Nicholson, in Utica.

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